

List of Legislative Council questions disallowed.

226. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 159, dated 3rd August 1933, will the Government kindly give the information promised in their answer, "If a fresh question is put asking for the information from the year 1102 onwards, the answer can be easily furnished"?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Session.</i>	<i>No. of questions disallowed.</i>
1102	Budget Session	19
"	Legislative Session	38
1103	Budget Session	9
"	Legislative Session	14
1104	Budget Session	19
"	Legislative Session	60
1105	Budget Session	6
"	Legislative Session	22
1106	Budget Session	7
"	Legislative Session	31
1107	Budget Session	9
"	Legislative Session	46
1108	Budget Session	100
"	Legislative Session	49
1109	Budget Session	36
"	Legislative Session	39
Total		504

Azhikode Primary School—Rent—Non-payment of.

227. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(a) the reasons why the rent of the Azhikode Primary School for 13 months from Karkadagam 1094 has not been paid to the house-owner;

(b) whether the R. T. R. acknowledgment receipts of the period in (a) are now found in the school and what that fact indicates;

(c) whether there are not undestroyable records in the Comptroller's Office or any other office of the Government to show that the rent has not been paid?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) The question does not arise as there is nothing to show that the rent is left unpaid.

(b) The records relating to the period have all been destroyed.

(c) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to understand that the rent is not in arrears at all?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is nothing to show that any arrears are due. All the records have been destroyed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there a complaint that the rent has not been paid?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is a complaint. It is alleged that some rents due to the owner has not been paid. The claim relates to a period the records of which have all been destroyed. That is why it is impossible to verify the claim.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What about the R. T. R. acknowledgment receipts kept in the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—My enquiry into the matter has informed me that they are not available. My subordinate offices and the Comptroller's office have all reported that these have been destroyed. If there is any error the Government will be prepared to rectify it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Did the Government receive any complaint?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It was then that the enquiry was made.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it a fact that the R. T. R. acknowledgment receipts are in the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is my opinion that it does not exist. I have not gone there and checked the registers. But my subordinate office has reported so.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are there not regular accounts in the Comptroller's office to show whether this amount has not been paid or not?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I have not got the accounts beyond three years back.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there anything in the Comptroller's office to show that the R. T. R. acknowledgment receipts have reached the Comptroller's office?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The rule is that only paid R. T. R. will reach my office. If they are not paid they will be in the possession of the owners. If any R. T. R. remains outstanding there may be accounts even now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there anything in the office to show that such and such an R. T. R. has been paid or not?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does your office show that this R. T. R. has been paid or not?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I will enquire.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was not this question referred to you?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—This question has not been brought specifically to me.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon.—What is generally done with regard to the old accounts?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—They will be destroyed after a certain number of years.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon.—With regard to the pending question about payment or non-payment may I know how the Government disposed of this matter then?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Mr. President, this relates to years before and the complaint comes now. An enquiry was made and the result of it is communicated in a letter which reads thus:—

“I have the honour to report that the period under reference is already more than 12 years back and the Comptroller says that he cannot verify the claim, as the vouchers and contingent audit registers were destroyed. Hence it is not possible to make the payment under the provisions of article 6, C. A. C., Vol. I. The matter has already been reported to the Director of Public Instruction. The House-owner has not brought the matter to the notice of the Department at the time when he preferred his claims for arrears of rent from 1101 in 1106”.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon.—I am anxious to know that when a claim is made for rent 12 years after the due date there is not a word of explanation offered on the delay in the letter asking for payment.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—This is a report made by the inspecting officer. I have not got the original letter with me. It is in the Inspector's Office.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know Sir, when this claim of the owner of the building was made to the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—About an year ago.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon.—May I respectfully point out that the whole difficulty arises because the Government have not in possession anything to show that they have paid the rent. If they can positively say that the rent has been paid, then there is an end of the matter.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The difficulty is that the receipts are all destroyed. If such questions are raised after ten or 12 years it will be difficult to say anything by way of reply. Subsequent claims have been made by the owner and they have been satisfied, which proves that the earlier ones have been satisfied.

**Public meeting of the people of Kadamakudi—
resolutions passed.**

228. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to answer to the question No. 123 (d), dated 3rd August 1934, whether the consideration of the matter is over; and if so, what is the result of the consideration?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The matter is still under the consideration of the Government.

Hospital requisites—supply of.

229. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether most, if not all, the medical institutions in the State have recently been supplied with crow-bars or pick-axes;

(b) did any institutions requisition these; if so, which institution or institutions; and when;

(c) were any instruction issued with the issue of these instruments;

(d) are they new ones made recently?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) In April 1934 all the medical institutions in the State were supplied with a hammer and a box-opener (crow-bar) each.

(b) During my tour there were verbal requests from some of the institutions.

(c) No. These are not instruments.

(d) They were made early in 1934.